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ANNUAL REPORT

for the

Town

of

DANBURY

New Hampshire



For the Fiscal Year Ending
DECEMBER 31, 2003

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CORRECTIONS TO TOWN REPORT

Unfortunately, there are some corrections that need to be made in your town report. The following will indicate the pages and the numbers that you should write in your copy.

Page 22: Expenditures: \$2,669,506.50
 Balance 12/31/03 \$373,891.07

Page 27: Supplemental Schedule
 Capital Outlays Funded with Long Term Notes \$75,000.00
 Total Exclusions \$ 139,082
 Amount Recommended Less Exclusions \$ 953,929
 Line 7 x 10% \$ 95,393
 Maximum Allowable Appropriations \$1,188,404

Page 39: Transfer Station Reorganization
 The budget committee does recommend the \$10,800

Page 40: Less-Estimated Revenues s/b \$702,426 \$702,426
 Estimated Amount of taxes to be raised: \$419,782 \$390,585

Page 41: Estimated Revenues
 Line 3356 Fire Truck Grant \$182,000
 Line 3934 Proceeds from Long-Term Note \$ 75,000
 Total 2004 Estimated Revenue \$702,426

Page 48 Newfound School District \$ 986,615.00
 Total Expenditures: \$2,639,125.23

Simplified Balance Sheet-12-31-2004 Unaudited

Cash in Bank(s)	\$ 373,894	
Taxes Receivable	\$ 593,314	
Liens Receivable	\$ 327,119	
Due FR. Trust Funds	\$ 1,735	
Tax Deed Property	\$ 114,900	
Due to School District		\$ 824,398
Line of Credit Payable		\$ 150,000
Reserved for Encumbrances		\$ 10,897
Unencumbered Fund Balance		\$ 425,667
Totals:	\$1,410,962	\$1,410,962



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DEDICATION

This town report is dedicated to all the citizens of Danbury that give so tirelessly of their time and talents to make this a nice town to live in.

We would especially like to recognize the following people:

Pat Hannaford, who served on the planning board as well as many state committees;

Leo Zaccaria...Were it not for his diligence, the Danbury Community Center would not exist today;

Eleanor Daughen, who spent so much time on the Legion Auxiliary;

John Lawton, who served on many state and regional boards and helped others in a very quiet manner; and,

Ralene Currier, who kept generations of Danbury youth off the streets through her involvement in any kind of recreation in which you were willing to participate. She was also the treasurer for the town, an auditor, a postal worker and a faithful grange member.

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TOWN OFFICERS

<i>Board of Selectmen</i>	Term Expires	<i>Auditors</i>	Terms Expires
Jon C. Schurger	2004	Linda Danforth	2004
Alfred (Duke) Reed	2005	Janet Moulton	2005
Twila D. Cook	2006		
		<i>Planning Board</i>	
<i>Moderator</i>		Linda Willson	2004
Matthew Denton	2004	Phyllis Taylor	2004
<i>Town Clerk</i>		James Phelps	2005
Sylvia Hill	2004	Barry Tisbert	2005
<i>Treasurer</i>		Gary Donoghue	2006
Penelope Dusio	2004	Albert Epperly	2006
		<i>Recreation Committee</i>	
<i>Police Department</i>		Matthew Denton-Resigned	2004
Chief, Dale Cook	2004	Gayle Baker-Appointed	2005
Sgt. Norman Daigneault		Dale Cook	2005
Spec. Officer Andrew Ware		Ed Lovering	2006
<i>Road Agent</i>		<i>Emergency Mgt. Director</i>	
Jason Hatch	2004	Andy Phelps	
		<i>Forest Fire Warden</i>	
<i>Supervisors of the Checklist</i>		Merton Austin, Fire Chief	
Penelope Dusio	2004		
Martha Plaisted	2006		
Nancy Reed	2008	<i>Zoning Board of Adjust.</i>	
		Mickey McIver	2004
<i>Library Trustees</i>		Dale Cook	2004
Ann Johnson	2004	Richard Cushing	2005
Sybil Hibbard	2005	Richard Hill	2005
Eula Epperly	2006	Jason Hatch	2006
		<i>School Bd. Representative</i>	
<i>Budget Committee</i>		Jon Johnson	
Tim Martin	2004	<i>School Bd. Budget Committee</i>	
Charlotte McIver	2004	Dawn Thompson	
Chester Martin	2005		
Tricia Taylor	2005		
Jeremy Cornell	2006	<i>Tax Collector</i>	
James Phelps	2006	Sylvia Hill	2004

Selectmen's Annual Report For Year Ending 12/31/2003

It is always interesting to read the Vital Statistics portion of our town report to catch up on the year's events. With that in mind, we offer a Welcome to the babies born this year, a Hearty Congratulations to our newly married couples and a Fond Farewell to those who have passed.

Danbury experienced a significant growth spurt in 2004 with fifty-nine building permits being issued. Of those, 18 were for new houses, only 3 of which replaced existing structures. There were another 15 for additions or renovations, 1 commercial unit and 25 for outbuildings, porches, decks, etc.

The town portion of your tax bill was reduced in 2003 by using some of the unreserved fund balance. This was extremely fortunate in light of the increase seen in the local school tax. We encourage all residents to attend the meetings having to do with the town as well as the school budgets. Feel free to write to the Newfound Area School District with any questions you have regarding the apportionment of school costs. If you do, we would request that you "cc" the selectmen.

The board would like to thank Jon Schurger, who filled in for Steve Gordon from October through town meeting. Due to the demands upon his time, Steve was unable to complete his term. Thank you, Steve, for your time and efforts on behalf of Danbury.

You will note that there is no report from the auditors. This is due to the resignation on February 6 of one of them. We are in the process of filling the position and hope to have the audit completed by town meeting.

In closing, it is with pleasure that we note the increased cooperation and open lines of communication between the town's departments as well as the selectmen's office. The business of the town flows much more smoothly when we all work for the common good.

Selectmen of Danbury
Chairman, Alfred "Duke" Reed
Twila D. Cook
Jon C. Schurger

2003 DANBURY TOWN MEETING MINUTES

For the second Tuesday, the 11th of March, 2003. Polls were open from 11AM to 7PM:

- 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Business Meeting was convened on Thursday, March 13, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. at the Danbury Town Hall, 23 High Street. The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Matthew Denton, followed by the introduction of the Selectmen and Budget Committee Members then the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Selectman, James Larkin, was recognized to speak to the assembly. He first congratulated Jason Hatch, Road Agent, for receipt of a \$10,000 grant. Second, thanks to Andy Phelps and his workers for care of the cemeteries and Andy and Noel Phelps for the stone walls. Last but not least, Terri Towle, Director of the Danbury Community Center, accepted an award from the State for obtaining a half million dollar grant for programs for five years. Thank you and congratulations to all.

The Moderator then read the results of Tuesday’s elections for the town. Also included are the results of the Newfound Area School District voting in Danbury.

There were 355 voters, 53% turnout of the 665 registered on the checklist. The following town officers elected were:

Auditor, 1 year	.....Linda L. Danforth
Auditor, 2 years	.....Janet M. Moulton
Cemetery Trustee, 3 years	.....Andrew Phelps, declined
	.....Jeremy Martin
Chief of Police	.....Dale J. Cook
Library Trustee, 3 years	.....Eula M. Epperly
Library Trustee, 1 year	.....Ann Johnson
Municipal Budget Committee, 3 years	.....Jeremy S. Cornell
	.....James D. Phelps
Planning Board Member, 3 years	.....Gary D. Donoghue
	.....Albert D. Epperly
Recreation Committee Member, 3 years	.....Ed Lovering
Recreation Committee Member, 2 years	.....Amy Rankins, declined
Road Agent, 1 year	.....Jason S. Hatch
Selectman, 3 years	..... result of recount held 3/19/2003 Twila D. Cook*
	*original winner by only two votes on election day was James M. Larkin, incumbent.
Tax Collector, 1 year	.....Sylvia Hill
Town Clerk, 1 year	.....Sylvia Hill
Treasurer, 1 year	.....Penelope Dusio
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 years	.....Deborah C. DeSantis
Trustee of Trust Funds, 2 years	.....John DeSantis
Zoning Board of Adjustment, 3 years	.....Jason S. Hatch

Planning & Zoning Question: Are you in favor of the adoption of the Cluster Residential Development Amendment to the Land Use and Zoning Ordinance consisting of new section 11.10 and technical corrections to Article 11 as proposed by the Planning Board at the Public Hearing held on January 30, 2003?

.....Passed by simple majority with 169 YES, 131 NO

The following Newfound Area School District
Officers were elected:Danbury.....Newfound District

Hebron School Board, 3 yearsMary CampbellMary Campbell
Groton School Board, 3 years.....Michelle FisherMichelle Fisher
Danbury School Board, 3 yearsJon JohnsonJon Johnson
Hebron School Budget Committee, 3 years.....
Groton School Budget Committee, 3 years.....
Danbury School Budget Committee, 3 years.. Dawn Thomson.....Dawn Thomson
School District Moderator.....Edward M (Ned) Gordon.....Edward M (Ned) Gordon

School District Warrant Articles:.....Danbury.....Newfound District

Article 2: Renovation/Expansion ProjectNo ...No—lacked 60% vote
Article 3: Expendable Trust—Building MaintenanceYesYes
Article 4: Support staff Salary Increases.....YesYes
Article 5: Contingency FundYesYes
Article 6: Budget Fiscal Year 2003-2004YesYes

Moderator, Matthew Denton, then outlined the procedure for the meeting. Anyone wishing to speak be recognized by the moderator, state your name and stand, do your business and take your seat to relinquish the floor.

Motion made by Jim Phelps to move to Article 17 before the budget.
Seconded by Tricia Taylor, passed by voice vote.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the transfer station responsibilities to the Danbury Highway Department. (This article presented by petition)

Motion made by Jim Phelps to move Article 17, seconded by Penny Dusio. The reason was that the article would have an impact on the budget.

Jim Phelps, Budget Committee Chairman, spoke to the motion and indicated that this article had been petitioned but started by the Budget Committee. He gave several reasons suggesting a need to change methods and procedures. Steve Gordon, Selectman, spoke in opposition to the article. He indicated that the Road Agent had originally asked for a fourth full-time person for the Highway Department. Selectman Duke Reed also spoke in opposition. Several others also spoke on this article which included concern about termination of the present workers. James Larkin defended several projects and spoke about the waste oil grant which has allowed the Highway Department to use a waste oil furnace now. A petition for secret ballot was presented.

Motion made by Doug Colby to move the question, seconded by Steve Gordon.

Article 17 failed by a ballot vote of 48 No, 41 Yes.

Motion was made and withdrawn by Steve Gordon to reconsider the article.

Motion made by Jim Phelps to restrict reconsideration of Article 17, seconded by Steve Gordon. **Article 17 was restricted for reconsideration.**

To see if the Town will vote to support the following Health Care For New Hampshire Resolution: Whereas, New Hampshire residents pay the 12th highest cost of insurance

in the country; and, Whereas, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased by 45% over the past three years; and Whereas, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of them have a full-time worker at home; and Whereas, due to these rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small businesses cannot afford health coverage for their employees, therefore be it resolved

That we, the citizens of Danbury, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses and health care providers to ensure that:

-Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, un-and underinsured, and small business owners has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;

-Everyone, including employers, consumers and the state, local and federal governments makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;

-Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and

-That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care. (This article is offered by petition)

Motion made by Janette Hillsgrove, seconded by Deb Holden to discuss Article 18, Health Care, next.

After some discussion, the moderator stated it was a non-binding article.

Motion made by Janette Hillsgrove, seconded by Deb Holden to pass the Article.

More discussion was held, the benefits of Federal Employees referred to in the article was questioned as to whether they were "Cadillac" or "Chevy". Linda Wilson responded that from what she has seen they were probably a "Good Chevy". Jim Phelps had done some research and found the article was backed by the NH State Employees Union.

Motion made by Steve Gordon, seconded by Stanley Phelps to adopt the article.

Article 18 was adopted by a hand count of 35 Yes, 33 No.

Motion made by Bonnie Fletcher to discuss Article 19 next. Seconded by Stanley Phelps.

Motion was **defeated by voice vote** because the meeting needed to discuss the budget.

Motion made by Jim Phelps, seconded by Steve Gordon to adopt Article 2.

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$745,972** which represents the **operating budget**. Said sum does not include individual or special articles to be addressed. (Recommended by Selectmen-758,115, Recommended by Budget Committee-745,972)

Budget Committee Chairman, James Phelps, gave an overview of the budget income and expenses and the effect of the school and county as well on the tax rate. For every \$10,000 raised the tax rate increases by \$1.60 or \$160 on a \$100,000 house. We're looking at an estimated increase of about 10% or \$2.20.

A detailed 2003 proposed budget was handed out on green paper so people could follow in more detail than presented in the town's annual report. A Danbury Progress Report was also given out showing progress of the town over the past few years.

Motion made by Steve Gordon, to amend the operating budget as recommended by the Budget Committee as follows: to increase the Administrative Assistant's line item under the

Executive portion from \$25,800 to \$26,208. If approved, the total would be \$41,898, or an increase of \$408. Seconded by Deb Holden. After much discussion, the proposed raise works out to 5% versus 3.3% presented by the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee did include a \$300 increase in Selectmen's Salaries because they have not had a raise since 1988. After much discussion,

*Motion made by Christie Phelps, seconded by Stan Phelps to move the question. **Amendment was defeated by hand vote of 27 Yes, 33 No.** It remains at the level presented by the Budget Committee.*

*Motion made by Steve Gordon, to **amend the Election, Registration & Vitals in the Town Clerk's Salary** from 12,792 as presented by the Budget Committee to \$13,104. This would bring the total to \$19,569, or an increase of \$312. Seconded by Deb Holden.*

Amendment was defeated by voice vote.

*Motion made by Jim Phelps, seconded by Steve Gordon to **increase the Town Clerk's Salary to \$12,900** with the intent to also do the same with Tax Collector, which would result in the same as the Administrative Assistant. **Amendment passed by voice vote.***

*Motion made by Steve Gordon, seconded by Jim Phelps, to **increase the Tax Collector's Salary in Financial Administration to \$12,900.** **Amendment passed by voice vote.***

*Motion made by Jim Phelps, seconded by Mickey McIver to **reduce General Government Buildings by \$900** from \$17,600 to \$16,700, referring to less than anticipated needed for repairs and maintenance of the Community Center. **Amendment passed by voice vote.***

*Motion made by Jim Phelps to **increase Police Department by \$1,600** for office equipment and camera repair changing the total from \$53,695 to \$55,295. Seconded by Tammie Phelps. **Amendment passed by voice vote.** The Police Department budget does include salary increases for the Administrative Assistant from \$10.50 to \$11 per hour and for the patrol officer, Norman Daigneault from \$10.50 to \$12 per hour.*

*Motion made by Christie Phelps, seconded by Twila Cook to **Amend Article 2, Ambulance Service from \$18,306 down to \$16,139 to reflect the true cost of the 2003 Ambulance Contract.** This was brought about by a new, lower-paid employee for the ambulance service and is being passed on to the town.*

Amendment passed by voice vote.

*Motion made by Steve Gordon to **increase the Highway Department Regular Time by \$8,820 to \$71,760 and the Overtime by \$1,500 to 13,455 to allow for the fourth man which the Budget Committee had anticipated being covered under the transfer station budget.** Seconded by Jon Schurger. Motion withdrawn by Steve Gordon.*

*Motion made by Steve Gordon, seconded by Duke Reed to **increase the Highway Department Regular Time from \$62,940 to \$71,760.** **Amendment passed by voice vote.***

*Motion made by Jim Phelps, seconded by Tricia Taylor to **reduce the Solid Waste Budget, Attendant's Salary by \$3,935** which would still allow for an increase in Bert's wages of 50 cents per hour, and to **increase the Assistant's Salary to \$4,040.** This is to adjust for the changes that had been anticipated by the Budget Committee to be included in the Highway Department budget and does result in a cut in the Attendant's Salary as compared to last year. This changes the total from \$71,770 by \$105 to \$71,875.*

Amendment passed by voice vote.

Motion made by Tim Martin to reduce the Danbury Community Center budget to \$1,000 from \$5,000. Seconded by Ed Esty. Amendment failed by voice vote.

Motion made by Christie Phelps to amend the operating budget as follows: Change Principal of Long-Term Notes from \$65,700 to \$69,000 and Change Interest on Long-Term Notes from \$14,634 to \$11,334. The net increase/decrease is zero. This is being done to more accurately reflect the true expenditures to be made for principal and interest for 2003. Seconded by Jim Phelps. Amendment passed by voice vote.

Motion made by Steve Gordon, seconded by Jim Phelps to pass the total operating budget with amendments at \$753,646. Article 2 passed by voice vote.

3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in conjunction with the New Hampshire Municipal Association and/or the New Hampshire Chiefs of Police Association to appoint the police chief commencing in 2004 according to NH RSA 105-1. This article is being presented at the recommendation of the NH Chiefs of Police Association Police Review Committee.

A petition was presented to the Moderator for a Secret Ballot Vote on Article 3.

Motion made by Terri Towle, seconded by Steve Gordon to adopt the article. After discussions, motion was made by Wayne Hackeman to move the question, seconded by Mickey McIver.

Article 3 failed by ballot vote of 36 Yes, 44 No.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be placed in the Records Preservation Capital Reserve (Recommended by Selectmen, Recommended by Budget Committee)

Motion made by Audrey Pellegrino, seconded by Tricia Taylor to move Article 4.

Article 4 passed by voice vote.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for a comprehensive review of the town's bookkeeping practices. This article is being presented at the request of the Treasurer, Town Clerk and Tax Collector. (Recommended by Selectmen, Recommended by Budget Committee).

Motion made by Tricia Taylor, seconded by Jon Schurger to pass Article 5.

Article 5 passed by voice vote.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,300.00 for the construction of a covered containment structure for the storage of road salt used by the Danbury Highway Department. (Recommended by Selectmen, Recommended by Budget Committee).

Motion made by Christie Phelps, seconded by Harold Knott to pass Article 6.

This article was spoken to by Jason Hatch, Road Agent explaining that this is a new requirement and by Jim Larkin. Bill Wallace offered some trusses he had on hand if they would be useful for this project. **Article 6 passed by voice vote.** Christie Phelps publicly thanked Bill for his offer.

7. To see if the Town will vote to designate the Danbury Board of Selectmen as the expending agents on the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.

Motion made by Christie Phelps, seconded by Steve Gordon to pass Article 7. After discussion of what was intended to be a housekeeping article, concern that Selectmen should not be able to spend large amounts without a vote of town meeting resulted in **Article 7 being defeated by voice vote.**

8. To see if the Town will vote to designate the Danbury Board of Selectmen as the expending agent on the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Motion made by Jim Phelps to pass over Article 8, seconded by Jon Schurger.

Article 8 was passed over by voice vote.

9. To see if the Town will vote to designate the Danbury Board of Selectmen to be the expending agents on the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.

Motion made by Twila Cook, seconded by Charlotte McIver to pass over Article 9.

Article 9 was passed over by voice vote.

10. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Fire Department Radio Capital Reserve Fund established in 1999. There is presently no money in this account to return to the General Fund.

Motion made by Jim Phelps to adopt Article 10. Seconded by Tricia Taylor.

Article 10 was adopted by voice vote.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer (per NH RSA 41:29-a), with the approval of the selectmen, to appoint a deputy treasurer. Said deputy shall be sworn in and shall have the powers of the treasurer.

Motion made by Christie Phelps, seconded by Stanley Phelps to pass Article 11.

After discussion and pointing out it was required by law **Article 11 passed by voice vote.**

12. "To see if the Town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, in its first two years of operation, the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program(LCHIP) has helped communities throughout New Hampshire preserve their natural, cultural and historic resources and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should maintain funding for LCHIP in its next biennial budget."

Motion made by Linda Wilson, seconded by Al Epperly to pass Article 12.

Linda pointed out that the North Road School project by the Historical Society received a \$12,000 grant from the LCHIP program and helps communities preserve history.

Article 12 passed by voice vote.

13. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road known as Sedgewick Drive, beginning at the edge of property owned by Wayne Maviki, Sr., and continuing to the road end at the property known as the Estate of Marie Carr. This would be done pursuant to NHRSA 231:43a and has been requested by Mr. Maviki. It should be noted that this portion of the road is in question as to whether or not it is a private or public road at this time. Mr. Maviki wishes to take over the responsibility of this portion of Sedgewick Drive. (This article is offered by petition)
- Motion made by Wayne Maviki, seconded by Jon Schurger to pass Article 13.*

Motion made by Jim Phelps, seconded by Al Epperly to drop the "a" on NH RSA 231:43 as it was an incorrect reference. Amendment adopted by voice vote. There was discussion about whether this would land lock anyone else, and it does not as Wayne owns all the property around the end of the road, and Jon Schurger beyond him. Wayne was asked whether any other family members such as his brothers and sisters or aunt might have a say in the decision making since the property is still legally in the Estate of Marie Carr. Wayne indicated that they did not because the property is in the process of being transferred to him. Linda Hillsgrove stated that she (and her husband, Bert who is the owner) have no objection to the town continuing to use the current turn-around which is located on their property. There was concern whether this might always be the case.

Motion made by Jim Phelps, seconded by Jason Hatch to amend the article to have Wayne Maviki provide enough area for a suitable town turn-around on his land. Motion made by Wayne Hackeman, seconded by Jason Hatch to move the amendment. Amendment passed by voice vote. Article 13 passed as amended by voice vote.

14. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road known as Chellis Drive, per NH RSA 231:43-a, from the point where it intersects with Jones Hill Road, so called, to its end.

Motion made by Jon Schurger to amend the article to drop the "a" from RSA 231:43. Seconded by Harold Knott. Amendment passed by voice vote.

Motion made by Jim Phelps, seconded by Tricia Taylor to adopt Article 14.

Article 14 was adopted as amended by voice vote.

15. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road formerly known as Seaward Drive Extension, per NH RSA 231:43-a, from where it abuts Searle Hill Road to its end, abutting the John Tagliaferro property.

Motion made by Steve Gordon, seconded by Eula Epperly to amend the article to drop the "a" from RSA 231:43. Amendment passed by voice vote.

Motion made by Jim Phelps, seconded by Chris Phelps to pass Article 15 as amended.

Article 15 was adopted as amended by voice vote.

16. To see what action the Town will take with regard to the disposition of the so-called "Roller Shed" and property located on the East side of Restful Road. (This article presented by petition)

Motion made by Jim Phelps, seconded by Twila Cook to consider Article 16.

Motion by Andy Phelps, seconded by Wayne Hackeman to amend Article 16 to authorize the Board of selectmen to renovate the so-called roller shed using volunteer labor and materials and the building to be used as storage for the Recreation and Cemetery Departments.

Article 16 was adopted as amended by voice vote.

19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey to Al Endriunas two lots located on Deckman's Road, identified in the Town's tax records as Tax Map 416, Lots 43 and 44, in trade for a one-acre parcel of land abutting the current Danbury Elementary School parking lot, identified in the Town's tax records as a portion of Tax map 201, Lot 113, for the purpose of improving school bus access and egress and parking on the school property, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem prudent and necessary.

Motion made by Tim Martin, seconded by Ed Esty to pass over Article 19. Failed.

Motion made by Duke Reed, seconded by Jon Schurger to consider Article 19.

*Motion made by Bonnie Fletcher, seconded by Harold Knott to **amend Article 19** to read as follows: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey to Al Endriunas a lot located on Deckman's Road, identified in the Town's records as Tax Map 416 Lot 43, in trade for a one-acre parcel of land abutting Danbury Elementary School parking lot for the purpose of improving the school bus access and egress and parking on the school property, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem prudent and necessary.*

Amendment failed by voice vote.

*Motion made by Jim Phelps, seconded by Tricia Taylor to **amend Article 19** to read as follows: To see if the Town will vote . . . as the Board of Selectmen deem prudent and necessary, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and convey that parcel to the Newfound Area School District for the amount of \$26,000 plus subdivision and transfer costs and that this authority shall remain in effect until the next town meeting.*

Amendment passed by voice vote.

Motion made by Jim Phelps, seconded by Stanley Phelps to move the article as amended.

Article 19 passed by voice vote as amended.

20. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Andy Phelps wished to thank voters for writing him in for Cemetery Trustee, however, he prefers to remain Cemetery Sexton, and can not legally serve as both.

Motion made to adjourn by James Phelps, seconded by Stanley Phelps.

Meeting adjourned by Moderator Matthew Denton at 12:30AM on March 14th, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Hill, Town Clerk

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

	2002	2003
LAND		
Current Use Land	\$1,611,311.00	\$1,717,977.00
Residential	\$20,804,250.00	\$20,047,730.00
Commercial/Industrial	\$820,780.00	\$836,380.00
TOTAL OF TAXABLE LAND	\$23,236,341.00	\$22,602,087.00
BUILDINGS		
Residential	\$33,897,280.00	\$35,404,090.00
Manufactured Housing	\$1,988,740.00	\$1,952,430.00
Commercial/Industrial	\$4,922,270.00	\$5,132,900.00
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS	\$40,808,290.00	\$42,489,420.00
PUBLIC UTILITIES		
Electric	\$1,072,188.00	\$1,047,126.00
TOTAL OF PUBLIC UTILITIES	\$1,072,188.00	\$1,047,126.00
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	\$65,116,819.00	\$66,138,633.00
Blind Exemption Allowed		\$60,000.00
Elderly Exemption Allowed	\$572,790.00	\$572,790.00
NET VALUATION FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL AND LOCAL SCHOOL TAX RATE	\$64,544,029.00	\$65,505,843.00
Less Public Utilities	\$(1,072,188.00)	\$(1,047,126.00)
NET VALUATION W/O UTILITIES FOR STATE SCHOOL TAX RATE	\$63,471,841.00	\$64,458,717.00
TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS		
Property Taxes to Be Raised	\$1,466,520.00	\$1,820,559.00
Less Waiver Service Credit		
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	\$(16,200.00)	\$(16,900.00)
	\$145,032.00	\$1,803,659.00
TAX RATE		
Town	\$6.06	\$4.94
County	\$2.27	\$2.38
Local School District	\$9.49	\$15.69
State School District	\$5.02	\$4.86
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	\$22.84	\$27.87

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

	2002	2003
Total Town Appropriations	\$775,280.00	\$758,746.00
Total Revenue & Credits	\$384,801.00	\$477,327.00
Net Town Assessment	\$390,479.00	\$281,419.00
Net Local School Assessment	\$611,469.00	\$1,027,877.00
Net State School Assessment	\$318,146.00	\$313,521.00
County Tax Assessment	\$146,426.00	\$155,838.00
Total of Town, School and County	\$1,466,520.00	\$1,778,655.00
Add War Service Credits/Overlay	(16,200.00)	\$(41,904.00)
Property Taxes to be Raised	\$1,450,320.00	\$1,820,559.00

PROOF OF TAX RATE COMPUTATION

State Education Tax (no utilities)	\$64,458,717.00	\$4.86	\$313,521.00
All Other Taxes	\$65,505,843.00	\$23.01	\$1,507,038.00
			\$1,820,559.00

Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures Year Ending December 31, 2003

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE	OVERDRAFT
Executive	\$41,490.00	\$40,928.60	\$561.40	
Election, Registration & Vital Stats	\$19,365.00	\$18,923.24	\$441.76	
Financial Administration	\$20,836.00	\$21,448.98		\$612.98
Property Revaluation	\$4,125.00	\$5,259.20		\$1,134.20
Legal Expenses	\$6,000.00	\$5,331.85	\$668.15	
Health Insurance	\$21,900.00	\$20,694.23	\$1,205.77	
Personnel Administration	\$31,762.00	\$28,434.54	\$3,327.46	
Planning & Zoning	\$2,060.00	\$971.30	\$1,088.70	
General Government Bldgs.	\$16,700.00	\$17,445.63		\$745.63
Cemeteries	\$3,847.00	\$2,556.84	\$1,290.16	
Insurance	\$13,368.00	\$13,999.06		\$631.06
Regional Associations	\$10,723.00	\$10,670.73	\$52.27	
Tax Mapping	\$1,200.00	\$1,144.00	\$56.00	
Police Department	\$55,295.00	\$60,144.07		\$4,849.07
Ambulance	\$16,139.00	\$16,139.00		
Fire Department	\$19,964.00	\$22,389.04		\$2,425.04
Emergency Management	\$100.00	\$31.47	\$68.53	
Forest Fire Control	\$1,000.00	\$1,958.13		\$958.13
Highways & Streets	\$274,915.00	\$269,439.63	\$5,475.37	
Street Lighting	\$4,400.00	\$4,393.74	\$6.26	
Solid Waste Disposal	\$71,875.00	\$74,253.50		\$2,378.50
Health Agencies	\$3,311.00	\$3,311.00		
Welfare	\$7,500.00	\$3,332.18	\$4,167.82	
Parks & Recreation	\$10,158.00	\$9,036.25	\$1,121.75	
Library	\$5,229.00	\$5,458.21		\$229.21
Patriotic Purposes	\$700.00	\$735.10		\$35.10
Other Culture & Recreation	\$5,350.00	\$5,000.00	\$350.00	
Long Term Notes-Principal	\$65,700.00	\$70,006.24		\$4,306.24
Long Term Notes-Interest	\$14,634.00	\$9,066.26	\$5,567.74	
Tax Anticipation Note Interest	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00		
Salt Shed	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00		
Bookkeeping Review	\$800.00		\$800.00	
Records Preservation Cap. Reserve	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		
TOTALS	\$758,746.00	\$750,802.02	\$26,249.14	\$18,305.16
UNEXPENDED BALANCE	\$26,249.14			
LESS OVERDRAFTS	\$18,305.16			
LESS FUNDS HELD OVER	\$800.00			
TOTAL UNEXPENDED BALANCE	\$7,143.98			

Summary of Trust Funds Account
at December 31, 2003

Common Trust Cemeteries	
Beginning Balance:	\$44,645.80
Income:	
New Funds:	\$900.00
Interest:	\$22.91
Interest CD:	\$711.41
Expense:	(\$1,735.00)
Ending Balance:	\$44,545.12

Parsonage Fund	
Beginning Balance:	\$311.02
Income:	
New Funds:	
Interest:	\$0.83
Expense:	
Disbursements:	(\$11.01)
Ending Balance:	\$300.84

Forest Fire Equipment	
Beginning Balance:	\$3,826.98
Income:	
Interest:When CD	\$37.38
Interest:As Savings	2.91
New Funds:	\$0.00
Expense:	
Equipment Purchases:	(\$1,721.71)
Ending Balance:	\$2,145.56

Highway Equipment	
Beginning Balance:	\$1,642.57
Income:	
New Funds:	\$0.00
Interest:	\$5.65
Expense:	
Disbursements:	\$0.00
Ending Balance:	\$1,648.22

Bridge Fund Capital Reserve	
Beginning Balance:	\$19,286.97
Income:	
New Funds:	\$0.00
Interest:	\$111.47
Expense:	(\$1,103.21)
Ending Balance:	\$18,295.23

Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund	
Corrected Beginning Balance:	\$3,638.23
Income:	
New Funds:	
Interest:	\$12.50
Expense:	\$0.00
Ending Balance:	\$3,650.73

Records Preservation Fund	
Beginning Balance:	\$5,750.52
Income:	
New Funds:	\$2,000.00
Interest:	\$20.98
Expense:	\$0.00
Ending Balance:	\$7,771.50

Fire Department Radio Equipment Fund	
Beginning Balance:	\$0.37
Income:	
New Funds:	\$0.00
Interest:	\$0.00
Expense:Overdraft Charges	(\$5.26)
Overdraft Charges Diff. Waved	\$4.89
Ending Balance:	\$0.00

Police Dept Capital Reserve

Beginning Balance: \$10,295.02

Income:

New Funds: \$0.00

Interest: \$60.56

Expense:

Disbursements: \$0.00

Ending Balance: \$10,355.58

**Property Revaluation
Capital Reserve**

Beginning Balance: \$3,723.90

Income:

New Funds: \$0.00

Interest: \$12.80

Expense: \$0.00

Ending Balance: \$3,736.70

Planning Board Capital Reserve

Beginning Balance: \$103.55

Income:

New Funds: \$0.00

Interest: \$0.28

Expense:

Disbursements: \$0.00

Ending Balance: \$103.83

General Government**Building Capital Reserve**

Beginning Balance: \$5,057.37

Income:

New Funds: \$0.00

Interest: \$17.38

Expense:

Disbursements: \$0.00

Ending Balance: \$5,074.75

Cemetery Fund \$44,545.12

Parsonage Fund \$300.84

Forest Fire Equipment \$2,145.56

Highway Equipment Fund \$1,648.22

Police Dept Capital Reserve \$10,355.58

Planning Board Capital Reserve \$103.83

Bridge Fund \$18,295.23

Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$3,650.73

Records Preservation Fund \$7,771.50

Property Revaluation Capital Res \$3,736.70

Genr'l Gov't Bldg Capital Res \$5,074.75

Fire Dept Radio Equipment \$0.00

\$97,628.06

Income Received by Treasurers 2003

DESCRIPTION OF INCOME	Funds from Tax Collector
2003 Property Tax	\$1,211,429.98
2003 Property Tax Interest	\$1,583.33
2003 Yield Tax	\$33,190.70
2003 Yield Tax Interest	\$0.55
2003 Gravel Tax	\$1,026.86
2003 Resident Tax	\$6,050.00
2003 Resident Tax Penalty	\$13.00
2003 Costs Before Lien	\$2,549.00
2003 Miscellaneous Income	\$113.50
2002 Property Tax	\$444,848.04
2002 Property Tax Interest	\$14,997.74
2002 Yield Tax	\$206.86
2002 Yield Tax Interest	\$39.89
2002 Resident Tax	\$940.00
2002 Resident Tax Penalty	\$92.00
2002 Redemption	\$22,013.69
2002 Redemption Interest	\$977.27
2001 Resident Tax	\$100.00
2001 Resident Tax Interest	\$10.00
2001 Redemptions	\$15,023.15
2001 Redemption Interest	\$2,737.35
2000 & Prior Resident Tax	\$10.00
2000 & Prior Resident Tax Penalty	\$1.00
2000 & Prior Redemptions	\$147,006.40
2000 & Prior Redemption Interest	\$62,192.39
2000 & Prior Misc. Income	\$675.00
	<u>\$1,967,827.70</u>

Description of Income	Funds From Town Clerk
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$165,767.30
Motor Vehicle Titles	\$734.00
Motor Vehicle Agent Fees	\$4,070.00
Dog Licenses	\$2,276.00
Dog Penalties	\$78.00
Dog Fines	\$486.50
Filing Fees	\$38.00
Vital Statistics	\$844.00

UCC	\$671.00
Dump Stickers	\$365.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$693.46
	<u>\$176,023.26</u>

FUNDS FROM SELECTMEN'S

Description of Income	Office & Other Sources
Revenue Sharing	\$10,102.00
Highway Block Grant	\$112,601.65
Rooms & Meals Tax Distribution	\$32,567.46
Generator Grant	\$10,897.00
Transfer Station Fees	\$3,205.96
Planning Board Income	\$260.00
Dump Stickers	\$238.00
Police Department Income	\$365.00
Sale of Town Owned Property	\$200.00
Pistol Permit Fees	\$320.00
Building Permit Fees	\$600.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$97.35
Insurance Reimbursement	\$402.47
Other Fines	\$500.00
Highway Department Rental	\$204.80
State of NH Highway Crew	\$102.40
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$1,735.00
Cable Fees	\$876.72
Daniels Artesian Wells	\$632.00
Xerox Refund	\$483.00
Unemployment Audit Refund	\$20.18
PSNH	\$72.20
Phone/Fax	\$3.00
Postage	\$1.48
Plowing for State	\$51.20
Loader Rental	\$20.00
AT & T Refund	\$41.94
Interest Income Bank of NH	\$755.44
	<u>\$177,356.25</u>
Total Income	<u>\$2,321,207.21</u>
Line of Credit	<u>\$570,015.00</u>
	<u>\$2,891,222.21</u>

TREASURER'S EXPENDITURES 2003

Beginning Balance January 1, 2003	\$152,175.36
Income Received 2003	\$2,321,207.21
Line of Credit	\$570,015.02
Total Available Funds 2003	<u>\$3,043,397.57</u>
Expenditures 2003	\$2,702,082.96
	\$341,314.61
 Balance Bank of NH 12/31/03	 \$341,314.61
Balance Mascoma Saving 12/31/03	\$2.94
Total Available Funds 12/31/03	<u>\$341,317.55</u>
 Gravel Pit Bond on Hand in Bank of NH 12/31/03	 <u>\$3,000.00</u>

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of DANBURY, NH Year Ending Dec. 31, 2003

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES- BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES 2002 2001 2000 (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	446,861		
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx	1,350*	130	20
Land Use Change	#3120	xxxxxx			
Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx	207	0	2,360
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/lyd	#3187	xxxxxx			
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx			
Tax Costs		xxxxxx			11

TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	1,806,344	
Resident Taxes	#3180	7,810	
Land Use Change	#3120		
Yield Taxes	#3185	33,191	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/lyd	#3187	1,081	
Utility Charges	#3189		

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OVERPAYMENT:

Property Taxes	#3110	1,606			
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/lyd	#3187				
Costs before lien			2,549		
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	1,584	15,038		
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	13	92	10	1
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 1,851,629	\$ 466,097	\$ 140	\$ 2,392

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

*correction made in
2003 for 2002NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397MS-61
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of DANBURY, NH Year Ending Dec. 31, 2003

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for this Year 2003	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2002	2001	2000
Property Taxes	1,212,145	266,008		
Resident Taxes	6,030	940	100	10
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes	33,156	207		
Interest (include lien conversion)	1,584	17,587		
Penalties	13	92	10	1
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	1,027			
Utility Charges				
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		178,180		
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	2,328	2,673		
Resident Taxes	440	270	30	
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes	35			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	54			
Utility Charges				
Tax Costs				11
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED				

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	593,477			
Resident Taxes	1,340	140		10
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				2,360
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 1,851,629	\$ 466,097	\$ 140	\$ 2,392

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of DANBURY, NH Year Ending Dec. 31, 2003

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy 2002	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2001	2000 (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	1999 . . .
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year	0	175,207	147,656	1,129
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	192,293			
Interest & Costs Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	1,259	3,699	60,054	1,045
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 193,552	\$ 178,906	\$ 207,710	\$ 2,174

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:		Last Year's Levy 2002	2001	PRIOR LEVIES	
				2000 (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	1999 . . .
Redemptions		22,014	15,023	145,877	1,129
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	977	2,737	61,833	1,045
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes		4,180	470		
Liens Deeded to Municipality					
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	#1110	166,381	160,676		
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 193,552	\$ 178,906	\$ 207,710	\$ 2,174

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? Yes

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE *Julia Hill* DATE 2/8/2004

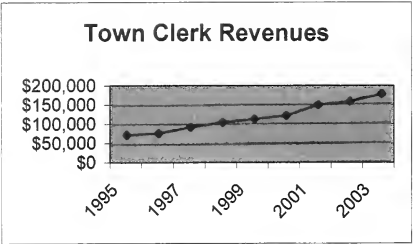
Town Clerk's Report
January 1 through December 31, 2003

#		\$
1,912	Motor Vehicle Permits	165,767
367	Motor Vehicle Titles	734
1,628	Motor Vehicle Agent Fees	4,070
350	Dog Licenses	2,276
45	Dog Penalties	78
11	Dog Fines	487
11	Filing Fees	38
40	Vital Statistics	844
11	UCC's	671
286	Dump Stickers thru May	365
58	Miscellaneous Income	693
4,719	TOTALS	\$176,023

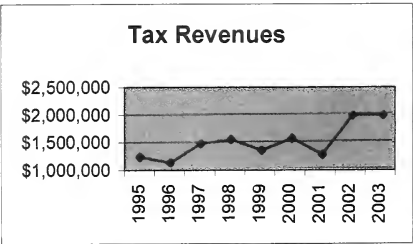
I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge.

Sylvia Hill
Sylvia Hill, Town Clerk

Year	Clerk Revenue
1995	\$73,835
1996	\$78,109
1997	\$93,550
1998	\$105,186
1999	\$114,148
2000	\$122,090
2001	\$148,636
2002	\$157,477
2003	\$176,023



Year	Tax Revenue
1995	\$1,244,231
1996	\$1,142,064
1997	\$1,476,206
1998	\$1,546,877
1999	\$1,349,938
2000	\$1,561,703
2001	\$1,261,488
2002	\$1,967,447
2003	\$1,967,847



SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE-MBA
RSA 32:18, 19 & 32:21

Total Recommended by Budget Committee		\$1,093,011.00
Less Exclusions:		
Principal, Long Term Notes	\$52,320.00	
Interest, Long Term Notes	\$11,762.00	
Capital Outlays Funded w/LT Bonds	\$95,000.00	
Total Exclusions		\$159,082.00
Amount Recommended Less Exclusions		\$933,929.00
Line 7 x 10%		\$ 93,393.00
Maximum Allowable Appropriations		\$1,186,404.00

Auditor's Report

Due to the resignation of one of the auditors, the report of their review is not available at this time. Their statement should be ready as a handout for town meeting.

Schedule of Long-term Indebtedness

Purpose	Principal	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Garage	90000	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000
Highway Truck	65000	13955	14692					
Property Revaluation	52500	17500	17500					
Loader/Backhoe	40000	20000						
TOTALS	247500	60455	41192	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000

SCHEDULE OF TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY

MAP/LOT	DESCRIPTION	ACRES	VALUE		TOTAL
			LAND	BLDG	
201-000-000	R.O.W. Back of Riverdale Cemetery	1.75	\$2,625.00		\$2,625.00
201-001-000	Danbury Town Hall	0.27	\$15,200.00	\$86,800.00	\$102,000.00
201-031-001	Old Railroad Property	1.7	\$13,560.00		\$13,560.00
201-034-000	Route 4 North	0.19	\$3,800.00		\$3,800.00
201-068-000	Independence Park	21	\$36,200.00	\$5,000.00	\$41,200.00
201-073-000	Riverdale Cemetery, Lot 1	3.4	\$2,720.00		\$2,720.00
201-082-000	Riverdale Cemetery, Lot 2	1.3	\$13,240.00		\$13,240.00
201-083-000	Danbury Transfer Station	8.6	\$19,080.00	\$1,440.00	\$20,520.00
201-086-000	Danbury Fire Station	0.23	\$13,800.00	\$136,200.00	\$150,000.00
201-087-000	Barber Shop Lot	0.02	\$800.00		\$800.00
201-094-000	George Gamble Library	0.09	\$5,400.00	\$37,500.00	\$42,900.00
201-111-001	Roller Shed Lot	0.09	\$70.00		\$70.00
201-114-000	Danbury Elementary School	3.6	\$25,080.00	\$566,200.00	\$591,280.00
201-138-000	Danbury Community Center	0.94	\$22,280.00	\$296,700.00	\$318,980.00
406-006-000	Lot A-2 Echo Glen	0.36	\$10,440.00		\$10,440.00
406-066-000	Echo Glen Lots K14&15	1.01	\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00
406-200-000	Brad Chase Road Camp	1.5	\$21,100.00	\$24,550.00	\$45,650.00
406-209-000	Lot 9, Deer Run Park	1.02	\$5,870.00		\$5,870.00
408-060-000	Barney Schlegal Lot	44	\$25,400.00		\$25,400.00
409-054-000	Danbury Highway Garage	20.7	\$37,670.00	\$134,800.00	\$172,470.00
409-064-000	Litchfield Cemetery	0.39	\$10,560.00		\$10,560.00
409-086-000	Sheldon Road Lot	1.06	\$13,050.00		\$13,050.00
409-087-000	Lot B. St. Paul Subdivision	1.82	\$3,910.00		\$3,910.00
410-011-000	Bohonnon Road	0.8	\$640.00		\$640.00
410-046-000	War Hill Cemetery	0.29	\$10,160.00		\$10,160.00
411-000-000	R.O.W. VanOterloo Subdivision	2.45	\$3,675.00		\$3,675.00
411-045-000	Elmwood Cemetery	0.14	\$110.00		\$110.00
411-081-001	Elmwood Park	1.4	\$13,320.00		\$13,320.00
411-113-000	Ragged Mtn. Rd., Bog Lot	0.38	\$1,320.00		\$1,320.00
411-115-000	Ragged Mtn. Rd., Bog Lot	0.15	\$750.00		\$750.00
411-116-000	Ragged Mtn. Rd., Bog Lot	0.18	\$900.00		\$900.00
412-011-000	Route 4 South	1	\$13,000.00		\$13,000.00
412-080-000	Waukeena Lake Road Lot	0.09	\$2,700.00		\$2,700.00
412-103-000	Waukeena Lake Public Landing	0.06	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00
415-020-000	Bean Cemetery-New Canada Road	0.52	\$420.00		\$420.00
415-051-000	South Danbury Cemetery	0.46	\$370.00		\$370.00
415-059-001	South Danbury-Across from Church	0.3	\$2,550.00		\$2,550.00
416-043-000	Deckman's Road Lot	1	\$13,000.00		\$13,000.00
416-044-000	Deckman's Road Lot	0.99	\$12,960.00		\$12,960.00
			384930	1289190	1674120

George Gamble Library

Our thanks to Andy and Frank for always being available to us to do whatever had to be done at the library.

We have \$1,000 set aside for some painting and patching that is long past due at the library. It is our hope to accomplish this task during the year 2004. The \$1,000 was taken from a Trust Fund for the library and is currently in our checking account.

We appreciate people donating books, but we request that you please check with the Librarian, Janet McGonigle, before dropping them off to avoid duplications.

Hours are Saturday 12-4 and Wednesday 6-8 (May to September). We are trying to change this beginning May of 2004. We hope to be able, through volunteer service, to open three days per week (Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 12-6) to furnish more people with access to our library.

Library Trustees
Eula Epperly, Treasurer
Ann Johnson
Sybil Hibbard

Balance on Hand, January 2003		\$1,467.47
Add:		
Town Appropriation	\$1,500.00	
Checking Interest	2.92	
Books Sales, Copy Money	103.65	
Donations-Children's Books	122.00	
Return to account when computer was purchased	60.00	
Allotment for painting	1,000.00	
Total Income		\$2,788.57
Total Available		\$4,256.04
Expense:		
Books	\$1,721.45	
Supplies	40.93	
Total Expenses		\$1,762.38
Total on hand 12/31/2003		\$2,493.66

Library Trust Funds (CD's)	
Wallace Ford (2002) Unrestricted	\$500.00 principal
Cash Balance 12/31/2003	\$510.88
Interest 2003	6.71
Stephen Ford Trust (1965)	\$5,000.00 Principal
Restricted-Interest to be used for maintenance & support	
Cash balance 12/31/2003	\$5,751.30
Interest 2003	88.75
Harry Perkins Trust (1978)	\$1,000.00 Principal
Restricted-Interest to be used for travels books/magazines	
Cash Balance 12/31/2003	\$1,354.73
Interest 2003	19.38

Our circulation figures for 2003 were as follows:

Adult Visitors:	368
Adult Books Borrowed:	597
Children Visitors:	61
Children's Books Borrowed:	144

DANBURY PLANNING BOARD 2003 REPORT

The Danbury Planning Board welcomes visitors. All of our activities are open to the public; notices of meetings and hearings are posted at the Town Hall, the Post Office, and the stores, and everyone is invited to attend. We try to have time available at each meeting to hear citizens' concerns and ideas. We thank all the people who have taken time to participate and to share thoughts and ideas with us, both in person and by sending us letters and clippings. From time to time we have vacancies in the "alternate member" positions, and we hope that citizens with an interest in planning and land use will volunteer to serve as alternates.

The Planning Board met 21 times in 2003, including regular meetings, work sessions, and public hearings. The board participated in eleven "preliminary conceptual consultations" with property owners or their agents, providing technical assistance to familiarize them with the Danbury subdivision requirements; it approved three subdivisions incorporating six lots, one subdivision which reconfigured eight lots into four, and one lot line adjustment. The annual capital improvements program (CIP) hearings for the 2003 budget were held in February 2003, in advance of Town Meeting. The Planning Board completed and adopted amendments to its 1989 subdivision regulations, and began work on site plan review regulations. For 2004, our priorities are to complete the site plan and cluster regulations, and to begin updating the 1985 Master Plan.

Phyllis J. Taylor again served as a Commissioner of the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Phyllis was re-elected Treasurer of the LRPC, and continued to serve on the LRPC Board of Directors and the Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). As in previous years, she donated her mileage and travel expenses, for the benefit of the Planning Board and the town. Members Gary Donoghue and Albert Epperly were elected to three-year terms in March. Charlotte McIver succeeded Nicole Miller as Clerk. Christie Phelps in the Selectmen's Office and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Sylvia Hill remained our constant and highly professional sources of cheerful support, thoughtful perspectives, and excellent assistance. Several Zoning Board of Adjustment members have attended Planning Board meetings, and we appreciate the good working relationship between the two land use boards. We are also very appreciative of the support the Board of Selectmen have provided and hope that it will continue in the future.

During the year, Planning Board members attended several different planning, land-use, and legal workshops and conferences, and brought back practical information which has been very useful. We especially appreciate the excellent support, encouragement, and recognition that Lakes Region Planning

Commission, NH Municipal Association, and the Office of State Planning provide for the town. We highly value those agencies, their staff and services, which are especially important to us now that there are so many challenges from outside the town that make it harder to keep the rural character we value in Danbury.

At the March town meeting, voters approved an amendment to the Land Use & Zoning Ordinance to provide incentives for clustering as an alternative choice for future development, in order to protect open space, maintain the historic qualities of the village areas, and preserve the town's rural character. Other towns have requested information about Danbury's clustering provisions because of our emphasis on conservation and open space.

Already, New Hampshire communities to the south and east of Danbury are experiencing enormous growth pressures that are consuming the countryside, creating congestion, driving up real estate taxes, and increasing the needs for municipal services. We are trying to learn how to avoid those problems and find ways that would allow Danbury to accommodate new homes, new residents, and new tax base without causing dramatic changes in our community. If you have suggestions that could be helpful, please let us know!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Ray Wilson
Chair, Danbury Planning Board

Danbury Town Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Danbury in the County of Merrimack in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs. You are hereby notified to meet at the Danbury Town Hall in said Danbury on Tuesday, the 9th day of March next, at eleven A.M. of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following issues.

1. To act upon all items appearing on the official ballot. Business meeting to be held on Thursday, March 11, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at the Danbury Town Hall at 23 High Street, Danbury, NH.
2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$769,861.00 as the operating budget of the town for 2004. This does not include any warrant articles. Recommended by Budget Committee- \$769,861.00, Recommended by Selectmen, \$797,058.00.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$3,000.00 to be used to paint the fire hall. This is to be considered a special article. Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$6,000.00 to be used to paint the town hall. This is to be considered a special article. Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.
5. To see if the Town will vote to dispose of the Roller Shed Property, so-called, on Restful Road by a sealed bid process. By Petition.
6. To see if the Town will vote to modify the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit as allowed by NHRSA 72:28-II from \$100 to \$500. Recommended by Selectmen. Budget Committee recommends increase from \$100 to \$200.
7. To see if the Town will vote to modify the Optional Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability as allowed by NHRSA 72:35-Ia from \$1400 to \$2,000. Recommended by Selectmen. Not recommended by Budget Committee

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$6,000.00 to relocate the town hall water line and take measures to prevent it from freezing. This is to be considered a special warrant article. Recommended by the Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$3600.00 for repairs to the library roof. This is a special warrant article. Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$750 in order to rebuild the entrance roof to town hall near the selectmen's office. This is a special warrant article. Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,800 for the construction and/or equipment necessary to optimize the traffic flow, safety and efficiency of the Danbury Transfer Station. This is a special warrant article. Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,000.00 for the purchase of a new highway truck. The sum of \$75,000 to be issued through a long-term note, the term and interest to be negotiated by the selectmen. The remainder of \$20,000.00 to be raised by taxation. Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee. Requires 2/3 ballot vote.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$33,000.00 for the purpose of building storage space for records preservation and necessary building and/or land modifications to accommodate proper record storage as proposed by the Municipal Records Committee and Records Committee Volunteers. This money is to be expended in addition to the Records Preservation Capital Reserve Fund. This article authorizes the Selectmen to act as spending agents. By Petition. Not Recommended by Selectmen. Not Recommended by Budget Committee.
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000.00 for a new fire truck. \$182,000.00 to be paid through a grant, \$14,500.00 to be raised by taxation and \$3,500.00 to be with-

drawn from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Account. Expenditure of any money stated in this article is contingent on the award of the grant. This is a special warrant article. Recommended by Selectmen. Recommended by Budget Committee.

15. Any other business to come before the town.

Selectmen of Danbury

Alfred "Duke" Reed, Chairman
Twila D. Cook
Jon C. Schurger

BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1/1/2004-12/31/2004

	Actual Appropriations 2003	Actual Expenditures 2003	Selectmen's Recommended Budget Ensuing Fiscal Yr. 2004	Not Recomm.	Budget Committee Recommended Ensuing Fiscal Yr. 2004	Not Recomm.
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Executive	41490	40929	42450	4210	42892	3768
Election, Registration & Vitals	19365	18923	24595	34	24336	293
Financial Administration	20836	21449	24424	2145	23151	3418
Revaluation of Property	4125	5259	4900	-400	4900	-400
Legal Expense	6000	5332	6000	0	6000	0
Personnel Administration	53662	49129	60341	-695	60341	-695
Planning & Zoning	2060	971	2068	130	2148	50
General Government Bldgs.	16700	17446	24153	-6016	11753	6384
Cemeteries	3847	2557	3824	0	3824	0
Insurance	13368	13999	14000	0	14000	0
Advertising and Reg. Assoc.	10723	10671	11523	1200	10923	1800
Tax Mapping	1200	1144	1200	0	1200	0
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police	55295	60214	84025	11501	75867	19659
Ambulance	16139	16139	17262	0	17262	0
Fire	19964	22389	22685	-1950	20000	735
Emergency Management	1100	1989	200	2000	200	2000
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS						
Highway Administration	175915	170259	179118	4102	179118	4102
Highways & Streets	90500	90097	85400	2000	85400	2000
Snow Plowing/Removal	8500	9084	10500	0	10500	0
Street Lighting	4400	4394	4800	-400	4800	-400
SANITATION						
Solid Waste Disposal	71875	74254	75382	-1029	71738	2615
HEALTH						

	Actual Appropriations 2003	Actual Expenditures 2003	Selectmen's Recommended Budget Ensnuing Fiscal Yr. 2004	Not Recomm.	Budget Committee Recommended Ensnuing Fiscal Yr. 2004	Not Recomm.
Health Agencies	3311	3311	3643	0	3643	0
WELFARE				0		0
Administration & Assistance	7500	3332	6000	1500	5000	2500
CULTURE AND RECREATION				0		0
Parks & Recreation	10158	9036	8088	3000	10588	500
Library	5229	5458	6095	334	5895	534
Patriotic Purposes	700	735	950	0	950	0
Other Culture & Recreation	5350	5000	5350	0	5350	0
DEBT SERVICE						
Principal of Long Term Notes	65700	70006	52320	0	52320	0
Interest of Long Term Notes	14634	9066	11762	0	11762	0
Interest-Tax Antic. Notes	4000	4000	4000	0	4000	0
CAPITAL OUTLAY						
Equipment Purchase			95000	0	95,000	0
Salt Shed	2300	2300		0		0
Bookkeeping Review	800	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER WARRANT ARTICLES						
Fire Hall Painting, Art. #3			3000	0	3000	0
Town Hall Painting, Art. #4			6000	0	6000	0
Optional Veteran's Credit, Art. #5				0		0
Optional Tax Credit for Service- Connected Disability Art. #7				0		0
Water Line Relocation, Art. #8			6000	0		0
Library Roof Repairs, Art. #9			3600	0	5000	1000
Town Hall Entrance Roof, Art. #10			750	0	2900	700
Transfer Sta. Reorganization, Art. #11		10800	0	10800	750	0
Records Storage Building, Art. #13			0	33000	0	33000
Fire Truck, Art. #14			20000		20000	0
CAPITAL RESERVES						
Records Preserv. Capital Reserve	2000	2000	0	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	758746	750872	1122208	54666	1093311	83563

Budget Summary

	Selectmen	Budget Committee
Appropriations Recommended	797,058	769,861
Special Warrant Articles	325,150	323,150
Individual Warrant Articles	0	0
Total Appropriations Recommended	1,122,208	1,093,011
Less-Estimated Revenues	516,926	516,926
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	605,282	586,085

ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR 2004

ACCT	DESCRIPTION	2003 Actual	2004 Est.
3120	Land Use Change Tax	0	0
3180	Resident Tax	6,030	6,000
3185	Timber Tax	33,191	25,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		
3189	Other Taxes		
3190	Interest & Penalties on Overdue Taxes, Inventory Penalties	71,078	70,000
3187	Excavation Tax	1,026	1,000
3188	Excavation Activity Tax		0
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	500	500
3220	Motor Vehicle Permits	165,767	170,000
3230	Building Permits		
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	10,256	5,000
3351	Shared Revenues	10,102	10,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Distribution	32,567	30,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	112,601	111,178
3354	Water Pollution Grant		
3355	Housing & Community Dev.		
3356	Forest Land Reimbursement		
3357	Fire Truck Grant		182,000
3359	Other-	10,897	2,498
3359	School Admin. Grant	0	0
3401-3406	Income from Departments	9,387	9,000
3409	Other Charges		
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	200	0
3502	Interest on Investments		
3503-3509	Other		
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		
3914	From Enterprise Funds		
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	0	3,500
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds	1,750	1,750
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Note	0	0
		465,352	627,426

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

For Year Ending December 31, 2003

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven Gordon, Selectman	1,583.36
Twila Cook, Selectman	1,000.00
Alfred Reed, Selectman	416.64
Jon Schurger, Selectman	2,000.00
ATT, Verizon and TDS	838.05
Business Management Computer Support	570.24
Christie Phelps, Reimb. Purchases	133.13
Advertising	536.96
Dues	672.87
Office Supplies	2,621.58
Postage	945.77
Equipment Maintenance	1,260.00
Workshops	<u>85.00</u>

TOTAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

12,663.60

TOWN ADMINISTRATION

Christie Phhelps, Admin. Assistant	<u>25,800.00</u>
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TOTAL TOWN ADMINISTRATION

25,800.00

TOWN MEETING

Matthew Denton-Moderator	100.00
Wallace Press, Town Report Printing	<u>2,365.00</u>

TOTAL TOWN MEETING

2,465.00

TOWN CLERK

Linda Sargent, Municipal Clerk	816.37
Margaret Barnett, Deputy Town Clerk	138.25
Sylvia Hill, Town Clerk	12,900.00
ATT, & Verizon	659.49
Dues & Subscriptions	20.00
Quill, Piper Printing, S. Hill Office Supplies	346.80
Computer Support & Fees	1,155.99
Postage	134.24
ID Source-Dog Tags	101.46
Piper Printing-Printing Forms	42.00
Equipment Purchases	206.50
Sylvia Hill, Mileage & Expenses	250.00
Workshops & Conventions	457.00
Town Clerk Change Fund	<u>100.00</u>

TOTAL TOWN CLERK

17,328.10

VOTER REGISTRATION

Linda Sargent, Supervisor of Checklist	288.00
Martha Plaisted, Supervisor of Checklist	154.00
Nancy Reed, Supervisor of Checklist	157.69

Advertising	<u>171.60</u>	
VOTER REGISTRATION		771.29

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

Marilyn Ford, Ballot Clerk	59.50	
Mary Quinn, Ballot Clerk	75.25	
Lorraine Wason	77.00	
Matthew Denton, Moderator	100.00	
Newfound Computer Service	25.00	
BMSI-Computer Support	95.04	
Douglas Manufacturing, Voting Booths	<u>392.06</u>	
TOTAL ELECTION ADMINISTRATION		823.85

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

John DeSantis	75.00	
Deborah DeSantis	75.00	
Pennie Dusio-Supply Reimbursement	<u>30.46</u>	
TOTAL TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS		180.46

AUDITING

Janet Moulton	150.00	
Andrew Phelps	<u>150.00</u>	
TOTAL AUDITING		300.00

TAX COLLECTOR

Linda Sargent, Municipal Clerk	889.40	
Margaret Barnett, Deputy Tax Collector	38.25	
Sylvia Hill, Tax Collector"	12,900.00	
ATT & Verizon	632.51	
Dues	65.00	
Office Supplies	809.93	
Computer Support	1,000.50	
Books & Periodicals	5.00	
Tax Bills & Other Forms	374.55	
Equipment Purchases	201.50	
Tax Collector Mileage & Expenses	143.15	
Workshops & Conventions	442.00	
Tax Collector Change Fund	100.00	
Postage	<u>1,501.34</u>	
TOTAL TAX COLLECTOR		19,103.13

TREASURER

Penelope Dusio, Treasurer Salary	1,000.00	
Penelope Dusio, Mileage & Supplies	<u>797.69</u>	
TOTAL TREASURER		1,797.69

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Advertising Costs	<u>67.70</u>	
TOTAL BUDGET COMMITTEE		67.70

REVALUATION OF PROPERTY		
Business Management, Computer Support	609.20	
Manatron-License Fees & Support	1,000.00	
Earls, Neider, Perkins-Appraisers	<u>3,650.00</u>	
TOTAL REVALUATION OF PROPERTY		5,259.20
LEGAL EXPENSE		
Upton & Hatfield, Town Counsel	4,701.19	
Merrimack County Attorney-PD Prosecutor	500.00	
Thompson West-Law Book Updates	38.50	
Chris Phelps-Research Expense Reimb	<u>92.16</u>	
TOTAL LEGAL EXPENSE		5,331.85
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION		
Anthem Blue Cross-Health Insurance	20,431.73	
Primex-Worker's Comp/Unemployment	8,061.98	
VALIC-Retirement	2,557.5	
Employer SS./Med Contribution	<u>18,077.56</u>	
TOTAL PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION		49,128.77
PLANNING BOARD		
Nicole Miller, Clerk"	61.88	
Charlotte McIver, Clerk"	95.00	
Kearsarge Shopper-Advertising	184.20	
Office Supplies	61.64	
Postage	166.50	
Books	54.20	
Workshops	135.00	
Recording Fees	<u>76.83</u>	
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD		835.25
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT		
Kearsarge Shopper-Advertising	46.05	
Office of State Planning-Workshops	<u>90.00</u>	
TOTAL ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT		136.05
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS		
Mr. Steam & Sons Cleaning	540.00	
Public Service-Town Hall	1,156.50	
Public Service-Danbury Community Center	2,020.59	
Fred Fuller Oil-Town Hall	1387.10	
Fred Fuller Oil-Danbury Community Center	2,500.49	
Repairs/Maintenance-Town Hall	2,359.98	
Repairs/Maintenance-Danbury Comm. Ctr.	3,677.25	
Repairs/Maintenance-Highway Garage	394.74	
Repairs/Maintenance-Fire Station	2,388.00	
Repairs/Maintenance-Library	25.00	
Repairs/Maintenance-Transfer Station	818.62	
Custodial Supplies	<u>177.36</u>	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS		17,445.63

CEMETERIES

John Chaffee	129.38
Jeremy Martin	301.45
Noel Phelps	980.07
Kenneth Phelps	64.51
Joshua Hatch	484.93
R. P. Johnson	350.50
Carroll Concrete-Eastern District Cem. Wall	196.00
Johnson & Dix-Diesel Fuel for Hwy. Loader	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL CEMETERIES	2,556.84

NHMA-LIABILITY INSURANCE

<u>13,999.06</u>
13,999.06

ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Lakes Region Planning Commission	859.00
Lakes Reg. Mutual Fire Aid	6,713.73
Community Action Program	1,498.00
Council on Aging	800.00
New Hampshire Humane Society	700.00
Plymouth Regional Clinic	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	10,670.73

TAX MAPPING

Cartographic Associates-Map Updates	<u>1,144.00</u>
TOTAL TAX MAPPING	1,144.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dale Cook, Police Chief	13,693.75
Andrew Ware, Special Officer	6,836.00
Norman Daigneault, Sergeant	18,192.25
Tricia Thompson, Officer	540.00
Kelly South, Animal Control Officer	196.00
ATT, Verizon & TDS	2,803.84
Office Equipment Service	822.13
Medical Expenses	756.00
Merrimack County Dispatch	2,670.00
Vehicle Repairs	1249.95
P.O. Box Rental & Postage	122.21
Dues & Subscriptions	170.00
Office Supplies	625.96
Equipment Maintenance	1,514.35
Gasoline & Mileage	3,044.92
Marilyn Ford, Admin. Assistant	5,884.27
Uniforms, Equipment	1,367.63
Books & Periodicals	<u>444.02</u>
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	60,933.28

AMBULANCE

Bristol Ambulance Service	<u>16,139.00</u>	
TOTAL AMBULANCE		16,139.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

ATT, Cellular One, Verizon, Unice	1,332.94	
EMS Supplies	770.59	
Public Service of NH	961.31	
Fred Fuller Heating Oil	1,267.84	
Equipment Maintenance	3,670.94	
Dues & Subscriptions	235.00	
Postage	37.00	
Gasoline	429.26	
Fire Dept. Supplies	697.94	
Fire Dept. Equipment	10,067.72	
Fire Dept. Training	<u>2,918.50</u>	
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT		22389.04

CIVIL DEFENSE

Andy Phelps, EMD, Expenses	<u>31.47</u>	
TOTAL CIVIL DEFENSE		31.47

FOREST FIRES

Danbury Firefighters Expense (16 paid)	950.52	
Town of Alexandria, Mutual Aid	227.52	
Town of Bridgewater, Mutual Aid	126.16	
Town of Grafton, Mutual Aid	266.63	
Town of Hill, Mutual Aid	234.13	
Town of Bristol, Mutual Aid	<u>153.17</u>	
TOTAL FOREST FIRES		1,958.13

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Justin Welles	14,688.13	
Alan Huntoon	31,444.03	
Brian Bliss	242.00	
Jeremy Martin	11,544.75	
Jeff Richardson	20,300.78	
Jason Hatch, Road Agent	35,132.27	
Telephone	1,344.82	
Medical Expenses	109.50	
Uniform Rental	3,369.40	
Public Service of NH	1,719.34	
Heating Oil	554.43	
Dues & Subscriptions	144.00	
Hwy. Supplies (culverts, guardrail, lubricants, etc)	14,215.39	
Gasoline	379.52	
Diesel Fuel	14,030.38	
Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance Parts	15,665.26	
Equipment Purchases	4,014.33	

Road Agent Mileage	1,359.57
Rentals & Leases	11,450.88
Maintenance, Repair & New Paving	48,387.20
Calcium Chloride	3,297.20
Cold Patch, Shim, Sealing Oil	11,914.76
Sand & Gravel	15,047.56
Winter Salt	4,584.13
Winter Sand	<u>4,500.00</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAY	269,439.63

STREET LIGHTING

Public Service of NH	<u>4,393.74</u>
TOTAL STREET LIGHTING	4,393.74

SOLID WASTE

Bert Hillsgrove	6519.50
James Larkin	3,831.64
ATT, Verizon & TracFone	528.91
Electricity	584.98
Operator Dues	100.00
Site Maintenance	1,274.38
Dump Stickers & Other Dept. Supplies	316.57
Mileage (Pemi-Baker Mtgs. In Plymouth)	95.40
Workshops	15.00
Transport Contract-Waste Management	55,378.77
Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District	1,371.80
Recycling Charges for Electronics, Paper, Metal	3,263.70
Tire Removal	<u>972.85</u>
TOTAL SOLID WASTE	74,253.50

HEALTH AGENCIES

Lake Sunapee Reg. Visiting Nurses Assoc.	2,811.00
Newfound Area Nurses Association	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL HEALTH AGENCIES	3,311.00

DIRECT ASSISTANCE

Payments to Vendors	<u>3,332.18</u>
TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE	3,332.18

PARKS & RECREATION

Danbury Community Center	1,000.00
Recreation Creation-Slide	1,250.00
Mowing, Porta-Potty & Other Maintenance	1,078.25
Bristol Community Center	<u>5,708.00</u>
TOTAL PARKS AND RECREATION	9,036.25

LIBRARY

Janet McGonigle, Librarian	1,551.50
Linda Ford, Substitute Librarian	101.50
Telephone	456.80

Public Service of NH	130.05	
Amerigas, Heat	1,674.36	
Post Office Box Rental	44.00	
Books & Periodicals	<u>1,500.00</u>	
TOTAL LIBRARY		5,458.21
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES		
Flags & Markers	<u>735.10</u>	
TOTAL PATRIOTIC PURPOSES		735.10
OTHER CULTURE & RECREATION		
Danbury Community Center	<u>5,000.00</u>	
TOTAL OTHER CULTURE & RECREATION		5,000.00
DEBT SERVICE		
Principal Long-Term Notes	70,006.24	
Interest Long-Term Notes	9,066.26	
Tax Anticipation Note Interest	<u>4,000.00</u>	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		83,072.50
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Hwy, Salt Shed	<u>2300.00</u>	
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY		2,300.00
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		
Records Preservation Capital Reserve	<u>2,000.00</u>	
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		2,000.00
NON APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES		
Mascoma Savings Bank, Line of Credit	570,000.00	
Merrimack County Treasurer	156,638.00	
Newfound School District	966,615.00	
Merrimack County Registry	340.90	
COAF-Vital Statistic Fees	174.00	
Tax Liens Bought by the Town	192,293.26	
Refund of Overpayments	1,343.74	
Bank of NH, Mascoma Bank Fees	130.00	
TOTAL NON APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2,702,082.96

Danbury Police Department Annual Report

In March of 2003, the voters of Danbury elected me to be the Chief of the Danbury Police Department. I retained the officers that were in place and re-hired another. Norman Daigneault was promoted to Sergeant; Andy Ware, formerly of the department, was re-hired and has done investigative and prosecuting work for us; Tricia Thompson was on the department until her deployment to Iraq with the 744th Transportation Unit; Kelly South was sworn in as the Animal Control Officer; and most recently, Dawn Cook was hired and is in the process of receiving Part-Time certification. Marilyn Ford remains as the administrative assistant.

The department has been extremely busy this year. We responded to 2444 calls for service, 540 motor vehicle incidents, for a total of 2984 patrol hours as compared to 2536 in 2002 for an increase of 15%. The administrative hours increased by 85%. Those hours have included paperwork related time only. Court time increased, training hours increased. The cruiser miles increased by 39% and the cruiser hours increased by 48%.

The addition of Kelly South as the Animal Control Officer has relieved the department of animal complaints. Kelly made a total of 38 calls and issued \$325.00 in fines. This has been an asset to the department.

As the town has grown, so have the needs of the department. I have requested and am urging the voters to provide the financial support for the department to continue to run efficiently. Statistics are available which will prove that in almost all areas, there have been increases. I feel we have done a good job this year and I am thankful I have the dedication of the department. But, to maintain this fine level of service, we need your help. Feel free to stop by the department if you see the light on!

EMERGENCY – CALL 911

Office Number – 768-5568

Fax Number – 768-9976

Non-Emergency – 224-9110

Animal Control – 768-5619

DALE J. COOK, CHIEF OF POLICE

Danbury Volunteer Fire Department

2003 was another busy year for the department. We had 183 calls for service, and accumulated more than 1000 hours of individual training. The department's Explorer Program graduated four new members into the department, two of whom have already completed their probation by becoming EMT's. All four members intend to take Firefighter Level 1 training at the Fire Academy in 2004. The department received funds, through grants and private donations during 2003, which enabled us to purchase some much needed equipment, greatly improving the service we can provide to the community.

In response to the increasing snowmobile and ATV traffic during the winter season, the department began raising private funds for the purchase of a new snow machine, rescue toboggan and trailer. Due to the public support the project received at the Fireman's Supper in October, we were able to purchase the new rescue unit in January of 2004.

Our department also received two grants in 2003. The first was from the Bureau of Homeland Security in the amount of \$2,600.00. This money was used to purchase a new Multi-Gas meter which replaced our existing unit. A pulse oximeter for monitoring patient blood oxygen levels, and binoculars were also purchased. The second was a joint effort between our department the Danbury Community Center. The grant was for a defibrillator to be placed in the community center for use by the staff in the event of an emergency. The defibrillator is expected to be delivered in early 2004.

We would like to thank the family of James Fifield for their donation in his memory. This money was used to purchase dress uniforms for the department personnel. By late 2003 the department members were issued shirts, ties, badges, hats and pants.

In January of 2003, with the help of the selectmen, town counsel and the State Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, we were able to draft an agreement that was presented to, and signed by, the Ragged Mountain Resort and the Bristol Ambulance Service. This agreement relieved our department from responding to Status Three (minor) injuries reported by ski patrol. These calls were handled by the Bristol Ambulance Service as the contracted transport service for the Town of Danbury. This saved our department 24 emergency responses, which equals 64% of the total medical calls to Ragged Mountain Resort in 2003.

2003 Calls for Service

Fires	36	Medical Aid	68
M.V. Accidents	14	Other Rescues	02
Haz-Mat	03	Mutual Aid	12
Service Calls	21	Inspections	27
Total DVFD Calls:			183

Ragged Mtn.
Medical Calls
Handled By Bristol
Ambulance Service 24
Total Calls for Service: 207

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION 2002 — 2003

The Lakes Region has changed tremendously in the past 20 years. Homes and businesses have expanded along major roadways, and many of our communities have experienced dramatic change. This growth has resulted in a number of regional challenges. The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is the area organization established to address the effects of growth at both the local and regional level. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. The Commission offers diverse direct and support services ranging from technical assistance, geographic information systems, and transportation planning, to land use and environmental planning, and economic development. The LRPC is primarily funded from local, state, and federal resources. We are contacted several times daily for answers to local issues. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our goal remains to provide support and leadership to the governments, businesses and citizens of the Lakes Region.

Here are some of our services performed on behalf of Danbury and the region in the past fiscal year:

- ❖ Provided a member of the Zoning Board with a copy of the Lakes Region Building Permits and Fees Schedule produced for the 2001 Development Trends Report for updating the DES Guide to Groundwater Protection.

Co-hosted and organized three public Municipal Law Lectures where practicing attorneys provide a legal perspective on local planning, zoning and other municipal issues. Recent lectures included: Growth Management and Smart Growth, Effective Enforcement of Local Land Use Decisions and Regulations, and Nonconforming Uses and Vested Rights. We also prepared for the 2003 Law Lectures, in partnership with the NH Municipal Association.

Completed and distributed the Lakes Region Demographic Profile; a comprehensive compilation of key socioeconomic indicators from the US Census, and other data sources.

- ❖ Convened several meetings of the LRPC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to enhance local involvement in transportation planning

and project development. The TAC usually advises the LRPC on projects are of regional significance.

- ❖ Initiated the start of the Lakes Region Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. This planning effort will help provide a blueprint for the location of local bike and pedestrian routes.
- ❖ Hosted a National flood Insurance Program Workshop for Local Officials that provided an overview of the National Flood Insurance Program and training for local officials.
- ❖ With assistance from the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) SEED Capacity Grant, LRPC completed a number of work products including the Demographic Profile, coordination with area economic development organizations and Main Street communities, and the computerization of town-level economic development data.

Reviewed project proposals through the NH Intergovernmental Review Agreement that provides the region and local communities an opportunity to respond to applications seeking state and federal aid. LRPC reviewed many proposals having a combined investment total greater than \$16 million in the Lakes Region.

- ❖ Conducted over 160 traffic counts and several road inventories around the region, in cooperation with the NH Department of Transportation.
- ❖ Continued technical support to the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee, in cooperation with the NH Department of Environmental Services.
- ❖ Convened four area Commission meetings that featured Natural Resources Planning: a Lakes Region perspective. The presentations were followed by facilitated discussions that identified issues and innovative natural resource initiatives.
- ❖ Planned the 18th annual household hazardous waste collection in the Lakes Region. In FY-04, two consecutive Saturdays were designated as collection days for the 24 participating communities. An estimated 20,000 total gallons of waste were collected, containerized, and transported to EPA approved end-of-life locations around the country.

Updated the annual Development Trends in the Lakes Region, a survey of subdivision, housing construction, industrial, and commercial development.

- ❖ In consultation with the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), LRPC prepared, adopted, and submitted to the NH DOT the latest

regional recommendations for Transportation Enhancement Funding.

- ❖ Represented the region on several committees including: the NH Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee, the Statewide steering committee to update the NH Airport System Plan, the Belknap County Economic Development Council, the Northern Rail Task Force, among others.
- ❖ LRPC also continues to assist start-up efforts of the recently opened Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility.
- ❖ Secured funding from the NH Emergency Management Bureau to assist local communities with the preparation of all hazard management plans.

Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District 2003 Annual Report

2003 was another busy year for the District. Proper household hazardous waste management was again a top priority. With assistance from North Country Council, the District coordinated three (3) one-day collection events - Littleton and Thornton in the summer and Plymouth in the fall. These collections resulted in the proper disposal/recycling of over 4,700 gallons of material. Over 400 households participated in this program. The average amount of household hazardous waste dropped off by each participant was thirteen (13) gallons. A major reduction from 2002 when the average amount per participant was over twenty (20) gallons. The District received \$9,799.65 in grant funds from the State of NH's Household Hazardous Waste Program and a \$1,000 donation from North Country Environmental Services to help offset some of our program costs.

The District also recycled over 26,000 feet of fluorescent light bulbs that were collected at individual transfer stations throughout the year – our highest total yet. We used a new recycling vendor for this material, Complete Recycling Solutions (CRS), and we could not be any happier with our decision. Not only were we able to secure lower recycling costs but CRS also provided exceptional service and technical support.

In 2004, the District plans to hold two (2) HHW collections in the spring (Littleton and Rumney) and one (1) in the fall (Plymouth). We will continue to coordinate the year-round collections of oil-based paint and fluorescent light bulbs.

The District built off of the success of our initial electronics recycling collection program in 2002 and held two (2) one-day collection events in the spring (Littleton and Plymouth). This collection was open to residents and businesses. Participants were asked to pay a fee for each item recycled which varied due to type and size. To help publicize the event, Sharp Electronics donated two portable CD stereo systems that were given away to two lucky participants. Over 8 tons of material was collected between the two events. In 2004 the District plans to provide this service once again. We are currently looking at ways we can reduce the fees charged at this event through grants, donations and negotiations with our contractor. If they so choose, towns may collect this material year-round and then bring it to one of the one-day collection sites.

The District takes very seriously the need to decrease the toxicity of our solid waste stream. Through our programs, we strive to provide a means to do this in a cost effective manner.

This past year the District took time to examine alternative disposal facilities in the region that could provide the district competitive pricing with long-

term stability. Representatives from the Mt. Carberry Landfill in Success met with the District and provided an overview of their disposal facility and their tiered pricing structure. Pricing information was also gathered from the Turnkey Landfill in Rochester and the Wheelabrator Incinerator in Penacook. The District also looked at transportation options available including purchasing of roll-off trucks and District-wide transportation contracts.

As always, the District will continue to promote its cooperative approach to solid waste management and recycling. By working together, the District communities can minimize the costs of these programs and help ease the strain on municipal budgets.

Citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Berti
PBSWD Chairman

Transfer Station Report

There were some good questions asked and suggestions made regarding the transfer station at last year's town meeting. In an effort to address as many of the issues as possible, the selectmen formed an advisory group to help. The members of this group were Bill Norcross, Jason Hatch, Tim Martin, Doug Colby, Jeremy Cornell, Andy Phelps, Bert Hillsgrove and Selectman Twila Cook.

Many of you know that some changes have already taken place. Chris Phelps learned of a program that would cut down on the handling of paper in the regular compactor and allow the town to recycle more types of paper. An open top container is now at the transfer station, and **ALL CLEAN, RIPPABLE PAPER CAN GO INTO THIS CONTAINER. BREAK DOWN ALL BOXES AND PLEASE DO NOT THROW YOUR PAPER AWAY IN A PLASTIC BAG.**

The town is charged a hauling fee, but is paid \$35.00/ton for the paper. The net received, after hauling charges, in 2003 for this program from its inception in September was \$26.25. The cost of disposing of the paper in the regular compactor would have been \$1,236.76, and there would be no money paid to the town.

Another helpful program is the electronics container. We are not receiving an income from this, other than the disposal fees paid by users, but this does supply a resource for disposing of a large variety of items that are not supposed to go into our compactor. This also provides a closed environment that prevents vandalism.

We have discontinued the glass pit until we can find another alternative for the glass. We are looking in to a couple of options; one would be recycling, which would involve separation. The other option is a container that would be taken to a site with a crusher.

The container on the opposite side of the paper container ramp is for recyclable plastics. All caps and lids must be removed prior to disposal and containers should be empty and rinsed, if needed.

LOOK FOR MORE CHANGES IN 2004.

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, plus suppression cost.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at www.nhdfi.org or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

2003 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported thru November 03, 2003)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Belknap	40	4.86
Carroll	46	13.99
Cheshire	8	.68
Coos	7	17.40
Grafton	22	12.60
Hillsborough	60	11.34
Merrimack	98	10.45
Rockingham	56	18.54
Strafford	34	7.94
Sullivan	3	2.03

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	10
Campfire	25
Children	13
Smoking	20
Debris	226
Railroad	3
Lightning	2
Equipment	8
Misc*	67
(*Misc: powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, unknown)	

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149

CEMETERY REPORT

This year, in order to clarify ownership and responsibility for the cemeteries in town, a public hearing was held. The result of the public hearing is that the cemeteries known as Riverdale, Baptist, Eastern, South Danbury, Litchfield, Elmwood, Bean and Ward Hill are all legal town cemeteries. The small cemetery on the north side of Ward Hill Road and the new cemetery behind Elmwood are considered private. The Jewett Cemetery on Forbes Mountain Road is pending litigation.

Also this year, the method of calculating the costs in the care and maintenance of the cemeteries was changed. Normally, the town would receive fifty percent of the total bill. Each cemetery is now calculated on the number of perpetual care lots contained in it and a specific percentage if figured into the bill given to the Trustees of the Trust Funds. The Common Trust, set up for the care and maintenance of all cemeteries, is also taken into consideration in the final cost breakdown. The remaining portion of the expenses comes from your tax dollar. All major improvement costs come from town funds.

This year volunteer labor and equipment totaled \$1,000.24 in addition to over 100 hours of donated time on the Eastern Cemetery wall project. This particular project ran over budget \$715. 63.

All help in maintaining the cemeteries is appreciated, and the following guidelines should be noted:

There are specifications that need to be followed when installing
any stones and/or monuments on a gravesite
Winter wreaths, etc. will be removed beginning of April 3, 2004
Fall cleanup of plants, etc. will begin November 20, 2004

Thank you for your consideration.

Timothy Martin, Joshua Hatch, Jeremy Martin
Cemetery Trustees
Andy Phelps
Cemetery Sexton

TAPPLY-THOMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER 2003 REPORT TO THE TOWN OF DANBURY

The Staff of the Tapply-Thompson Community Center wishes everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year.

We are happy to report that Daniel MacLean has returned to the Center as the Assistant Director after four years in Virginia. He brings a tremendous amount of energy and experience to the program.

Our after school staff includes Ceena Robie, Bob Emerson, and Samantha Austin. Donna Lowell is our custodial/office/glue that holds us together staff and Phyllis Jordan is with us from the AARP program.

We also had two awesome student interns from PSU during the spring that worked in the After School program.

For those of you that don't know the TTCC fundraises over \$40,000 per year. We want to thank all of the tireless volunteers who make this possible. The Baseball Program budget alone is close to \$27,000 and has 27 teams participating. Without our volunteer coaches, officials, board members and families fundraising we would not be able to provide the programs that we do. Thank you all so much!

Some of the exciting efforts we collaborated on this year include the "Friends with a Vision", The Skate Park Committee, the 21st Century Grant with the Newfound School District and an awesome Haunted Hayride with the Friends of Hill Parks & Recreation. The "Friends with a Vision has raised \$10,000 in the last year towards building a Community/Senior Center.

We are grateful to the Newfound Area School District for their unending support of our sports programs by allowing us access to the school gyms and fields.

We won a free year of website in January and now have our site up and running at ttccrec.com. Check it out and let us know what you think.

The biggest change this year was in our After School program. We have revamped it to be a sign-in/out program with structured activities and increased hours. This has virtually eliminated the problems of kids hanging on North Main Street in front of the Center. There are over 200 children registered in this program with an average attendance of over 50 each day. The response from the community has been overwhelmingly positive.

We are always looking for representatives to serve on our Advisory Council. They meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm.

In closing, the TTCC wishes to thank the many Danbury volunteers that make our Newfound community such a great place to be.

Come and recreate with us in 2004. The Benefits are Endless...

Danbury Community Center Town Report 2003

Another year has gone by here at the Community Center, and we're all still wondering where it went! It seems like just last year the Department of Education, based on continued support from the town, taxpayers and volunteers of Danbury, awarded us our 21st Century Community Learning Center grant. We completed our first year in partnership with the Danbury Elementary School, adding programs for 3-5th graders, middle schoolers and creating a special literacy program for Kindergarten to 2nd graders. It is our intention that these programs outlive the 21st Century funds through a combination of other grant sources, school district support, program fees and private donations.

In addition to 21st Century Community Learning Center funds and the generous continued support from the Town of Danbury, we received several other grants and awards. For the second year running, the Danbury Community Center was presented an award for "Outstanding after School Program" from PlusTime NH and the After School Alliance. We also received grants from NH Children's Trust Fund to start a preschool program, taught by Danbury native Lauren Hill; the Alcohol and Drug Prevention Team (ADAPT) for middle school summer programming; PlusTime NH for after school programming (awarded in 2002); and the USA Points of Light Foundation for a service learning project in partnership with the Danbury Volunteer Fire Department (the Smokey the Bear sign).

In December of 2003, we were also notified of our receipt of grants to start a Youth Network Opposing Tobacco (YNOT) group here run by Becky Huntoon (PlusTime NH AmeriCorps*VISTA member serving at the DCC) , and a GreenWorks!/Project Learning Tree grant for programs taught by Ann Johnson on forest ecology and fire management. In January, we also found out that the Andover Lion's Club has very generously offered to lease a new photocopier for the DCC – great news to us and to everyone who has to read our copies!

Grants, though, don't tell the whole story. They can't tell you that we also started a Senior Citizen Transportation program this year, going on weekly grocery/errand trips and monthly outings. They can't tell you that we enrolled 75 kids in our summer program this year (almost 70% of the elementary school!), or that our enrollment after school has exceeded our expectations. They can't tell you that we continue to explore and offer family literacy programs, parenting and nutrition classes, martial arts for children and adults, card nights and winter carnival events (in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Committee). We also still serve as a meeting place for AA, the

Danbury Historical Society, 4-H and Girl Scouts and the Skate Park Advisory Council.

What tells our story most eloquently is you – our community. All of our programs, awards and grants are a reflection of you. Your needs, your volunteer hours, your dollars, make us a positive place in the community for EVERYONE to come. Just like you count on us to feed a relative at Senior Lunch, help educate and keep your child safe after school and in the summer or keep you in touch with your neighbors at a cribbage or whist tournament (or the Turkey Raffle), we count on you. Thanks for the hours of donated volunteer work and the thousands of dollars in donated food and items and fund drive pledges. Thanks for putting the “Community” in the Danbury Community Center.

Respectfully submitted by

Terri Towle, Director, on behalf of the Board
of Directors and staff of the Danbury Community Center

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. 2004 Annual Report

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc., (COA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1992 with the mission of providing need programs and services for area citizens over the age of 55 and for adults of any age, who through disability may need assistance. COA's service area includes the towns of Andover, Danbury, Grantham, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton and Wilmot. With the exception of day and overnight trips, COA charges no program or activity fees and provides free membership to all who are eligible. As of December 2003, COA had approximately 1700 members.

When the year 2003 began, COA was in the early stages of a Building Fund Campaign to raise \$1,000,000 to buy the attractive 4,800 sq. ft. office building at 37 pleasant Street in the center of New London. It is a pleasure to report that COA was able to purchase this building outright in October. After skilled and dedicated volunteers made the internal changes needed to provide the opens spaces required for many of COA'S programs, the building was opened as COA'S regional headquarters and main activities center on December 1. To date, donations to the Building Fund total just over \$800,000. Besides providing the funds to purchase the building, the great generosity of our donors has allowed COA to pay all campaign expenses and to establish an endowment for building maintenance.

With the extra 2000 sq. ft. our new quarters give us and the work of running a capital campaign behind us, COA will devote 2004 to improving existing programs and establishing new ones, in some cases, activities that required more space than we had in older quarters will be moved to our spacious new building.

Our current programs continue to be well attended. The Computer Workshop in shiny new quarters continues very active. The Outdoor Recreation For Seniors (ORFS) continues winter and summer to give 70 or so seniors a chance to enjoy the outdoors and companionship of each other. The weekly get-togethers for bridge, scrabble, cribbage, chess and other games keep our building full Monday through Friday.

What many of us consider our most important service, providing free door-to-door transportation continues to be well utilized. This service enriches the lives of many seniors who use it and is indeed critical to some as it provides the only means to get to Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Concord hospitals for such vital treatments as dialysis, radiation and chemotherapy. We thank our volunteer drivers who make this service possible.

Looking back ten years from now, I believe that the acquisition of our new quarters in 2003 will be remembered as a most significant event in securing COA'S place in performing its mission of enriching the lives of area seniors.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all those whose generosity made our new building a reality.

COA appreciates very much the annual grants by which each town administration supports its work. COA would also like to acknowledge all of the individuals, businesses, civic organizations and foundations that respond so generously to COA'S annual appeal for operating funds. COA considers it a privilege to serve all of its communities and thanks everyone for the generosity that allows COA to continue its work.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Zanes, Chairman

LAKE SUNAPEE REGION VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

One of the most important roles of the Board and staff of Lake Sunapee Regional Visiting Nurse Association was to advocate for the people for whom we provide care. This advocacy took many forms. We communicated regularly with your Representatives and Senators in Washington, D.C. to let them know that the reductions in Medicare payments were adversely affecting access to care for the seniors in our communities. We let them know that the most frail elderly in our communities should not have to pay a co-payment for Medicare home health services when they already pay hospital and physician co-payments. We let them know that seniors should not have to choose between food or prescription drugs or health care.

At the State level, we let the Governor and the legislature know that chronically ill and disabled residents in New Hampshire should not be forced to be on a waiting list to receive home care. If we are to keep people at home rather than in an institution, home health must be reimbursed adequately.

At Lake Sunapee Region VNA we examined our processes and staffing monthly to adapt to the current health care environment and still provide the quality of care and achieve the positive patient results you have come to expect of us. Six years ago, average reimbursement for a Medicare patient was \$7900, today it is \$2400. Actions taken included reducing management staff and other operating expenses, and finding best practices to achieve increased clinical efficiency. Support from individuals, businesses, United Way and from the towns was critical to our programs this year. We are grateful for that support.

Our state of the art technology allowed us to dispatch our nursing resources when needed by our patients. Daily monitoring gave important assessment information to the professional staff enable us to reduce unnecessary trips for emergency care and hospitalization by 50%, keeping patients and their families together at home where they want to be.

Hospice developed a palliative care program this year for patients who are not yet ready or appropriate for Hospice care but who can benefit from the strong team approach and from the support services as they deal with a life-threatening illness.

We developed a package of services, Assisted Living at Home, that includes medication management, personal care support morning and evening, hair care, home massage and other services designed for the patient who does not need skilled care, but who needs supportive care in order to remain independent at home.

Our commitment to community service projects and charity care on behalf of residents in your town included home visits, screening clinics, immunization clinics, health fairs, support groups, community newsletters and other

activities designed to promote wellness and prevent disease. For details, our Community Benefits Report is available in our office.

This year 127 residents of the Town of Danbury utilized many of the services available through Lake Sunapee VNA. Our home care programs provided 466 visits and our hospice program, 41 visits to adults and children in Danbury. Our Long-Term Care Program provided 347 hours of care and 6 residents were monitored through our telemedicine program.

Again, thank you for your support. The strength of our community lies in working together.

Respectfully,

Andrea Steel, President and CEO

Newfound Area Nursing Association
214 Lake Street Bristol, NH 03222

Mission Statement: To promote health and provide therapeutic services for individuals and families in our community. Our services and programs are individualized to maximize outcomes and enhance quality of life in the community.

2003 Summary of Services

Skilled Nursing	3,970
Physical Therapy	897
Occupational Therapy	314
Home Health Aide	5,858
Homemaker	286
Social Service Visits	<u>308</u>
	11,633

Outreach Programs:

Flu Vaccines: NANA ran twice the volume of clinics in 2003 than in 2002. We held 9 clinics and immunized 375 residents.

Well Child Clinics. Monthly clinics are provided for physicals, immunizations, and nutrition and health education.

School Immunizations.13.

Newfound Area Parental Support Programs:

- **Tots Play Time** (Summer): 16 weeks. Meet parents plus toddlers at TTCC each week to discuss parenting topics.
- **Parent/Infant Support Group.** 52 weeks. Social worker facilitates weekly meetings with moms and infants.

Tobacco Prevention Community Activity By NANA “Make Art Not Smoke” Coalition:

- 337 youth participated in 86 prevention, cessation and second hand smoke education initiatives.
- High School your coalition developed partnerships with 41 community-based organizations.
- 2003 TAP survey results show tobacco use is down by 12.9% and youth who have never smoked is up by 9.7%.

Hypertension Screenings: 119 clinics

Foot Care Clinics: 121 clinics,

Senior Companion Program. Trained volunteers to visit 31 seniors throughout the community. NANA continues to administer this program in identifying and matching volunteers with individuals who have asked to be part of this program.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group: NANA initiated a monthly MS support group in the summer of 2003 for individuals, families and caregivers to meet and facilitate the exchange of information and resources. This program provides an interface between state and regional organizations and patients dealing with the disease process.

The Newfound Area Nursing Association (NANA) is proud to be able to maintain the high standards of quality home care and supportive services to our area residents that have been offered for more than 43 years. 2003 was a challenging year for NANA due to continuing changes in a Medicare Payment System that saw the rate that we are paid decrease more than 14% over a nine-month period. This presents challenges to us to be more efficient and effective in our service delivery programs. We continue to look for skilled, motivated, and caring staff and have lowered our turnover rate during the past year to less than 12%. We are using new portable technology in order to allow us to spend more time face to face with our clients as well as processing our clinical and billing information more efficiently. You can help us with suggestions as we continuously look for new ideas and programs that we can bring to our neighbors in the towns we serve. Our goal is expanding to increase the volume of programs that increase the overall wellness and health of all age groups. In addition to our MS support group, this year saw the implementation of more wellness programs targeted at our youth in both the High School and Middle School. We look forward to continuing to serve this community and are thankful for your participation both financially and with your presence in volunteering in the many areas that help our clients and us be more effective.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger G. Nicholls, Jr.
Executive Director

VITAL STATISTICS for the Town of Danbury for the Year Ending December 31, 2003

Date of Marriage	Groom's Name	Town of		Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage
		Groom's Residence	Bride's Residence				
April 12, 2003	Defosses, Dale Melvin	Danbury	Towne, Michelle L	Danbury		Danbury	Danbury
May 24, 2003	Lavorigna Jr, John Loring	Danbury	Cross, Diana Lynn	Danbury		Danbury	Danbury
June 7, 2003	Gowing, Gordon Allen	Danbury	Godlove, Terry L.	Danbury		Danbury	Canaan
June 21, 2003	Powers, William D	Danbury	Lansdown, Aundrea M	Andover, NH		Andover	East Andover
July 4, 2003	Tinkham, David G	Danbury	Reed, Elaine S	Danbury		Danbury	Danbury
August 22, 2003	Chapman Cushing, Keith R	Danbury	Dukette, Amanda N	Andover, NH		Franklin	Franklin
August 23, 2003	Lowell, Robert Allen	Danbury	Hart, Tina Lynn	Danbury		Danbury	Sutton
August 30, 2003	Huntoon, Alan William	Danbury	Gallup, Rebecca Lynn	Danbury		Danbury	Danbury
September 13, 2003	Ladd, Andrew Vincent	Danbury	Renkert, Heidi Lynn	Danbury		Danbury	Danbury
September 13, 2003	Friedlander, Lucas F	Somerville, MA	Hughes, Kerri Ann	Somerville, MA		Danbury	Danbury
September 27, 2003	Dupree, Terra	Danbury	Anderson, Monica M	Danbury		Danbury	Danbury
October 18, 2003	Cave, Brian Richard	Danbury	Angell, Cherie Anne	Danbury		Danbury	Danbury
December 20, 2003	Powers, Forrest Warren	Danbury	Pelland, Cheryl Ann	Danbury		Danbury	Andover

Date of Birth	Child's Name	Place of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
March 18, 2003	Dukette, Haley Elizabeth	Concord, NH	Dukette, Joshua	Shaw-Dukette, Erin
May 1, 2003	King, Garrett Alan	Laconia, NH	King, Philip	King, Kristin
May 23, 2003	Fernandes, Autumn Ann	Laconia, NH	Fernandes, David	Fernandes, Angela
June 5, 2003	Fairbank, Bailey Alexandra	Concord, NH	Fairbank, Christopher	Fairbank, Amy
July 22, 2003	Dukette, Sadira Lynn	Franklin, NH	Cushing, Keith	Dukette, Amanda N
August 1, 2003	Williamson, Steven Miller	Lebanon, NH	Williamson, Sean	Williamson, Sharon
October 24, 2003	Cornell, Katelynn Marie	Franklin, NH	Cornell, Jeremy	Cornell, Carrie
November 16, 2003	Mackenzie, Sasha Kade	Lebanon, NH	Mackenzie, Matthew Lyle	Mackenzie, Annie T
December 20, 2003	O'Brien, Erin Paige	Manchester, NH	O'Brien, Patrick M	O'Brien, Leigh A

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May 12, 2003	Daughen, Eleanor Mildred	Boscawen, NH	Hamilton, Frederick	Collins, Mildred
June 5, 2003	Cole, Warren M	Franklin, NH	Cole, Carroll	Drew, Evelyn
June 9, 2003	Grablewski, Mary Caroline	Concord, NH	Considine, Patrick	Considine, Nora
June 17, 2003	Currier, Ralene F	New London, NH	Martin, Ray	Rand, Fannie
August 20, 2003	Zaccaria, Leo V	Palm Coast, FL	Zaccaria, Antonio	Pecci, Mary
September 1, 2003	Dusio, Anna	Franklin, NH	DeBonis, Lewis	Marsocci, Adelaide
October 11, 2003	Lawton, John Salisbury	Danbury, NH	Lawton, Richard Marcyes	Long, Doris Marie
December 10, 2003	Hannaford, Patricia	Manchester, NH	Hannaford, Frederick	Allen, Viola

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June 4, 2003	Stiles, Betty Jean	Boston, MA	Riverdale
June 7, 2003	Dickie, Hazel F.	Lebanon, NH	Riverdale
June 26, 2003	Rodenhiser, Carolyn	Franklin, NH	Riverdale

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